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Title: INTERSPINOUS PROCESS IMPLANT
WITH RADIOLUCENT SPACER AND
LEAD-IN TISSUE EXPANDER

PATENT APPLICATION

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Customer No. 23910

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is in response to the final Office Action dated November 16, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination, an Information Disclosure Statement and the required fees accompany this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.